

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 through 3, 5, 6, 10, 12 through 16, 18, and 20 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:
 a main body having an aperture adapted to fit over a trailer hitch tube on a motor vehicle and to allow insertion of a trailer hitch into the hitch tube;
 an insulating member adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and between said main body and the hitch tube; and
 a rotatable cover plate connected to said main body and being movable between a closed position and an open position for closing and opening said aperture.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:
 a main body having an open portion adapted to fit over a trailer hitch tube on a motor vehicle and to allow insertion of a trailer hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;
 a cover hingedly connected to said main body and being movable between a closed position and an open position for opening and closing the open end; and
 wherein said main body includes at least one deflectable tab to retain said main body on the hitch tube.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body ~~further comprises~~ includes at least one aperture extending therethrough adapted to allow passage of a lock pin.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in

claim 1 wherein said main body further comprises a front face having said aperture adapted to allow passage of the hitch into an open end of the hitch tube.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body ~~further comprises~~ includes at least one first hinge knuckle.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 5 wherein said cover plate ~~further comprises~~ includes at least one second hinge knuckle.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 6 including a hinge pin extending through said at least one first hinge knuckle and said at least one second hinge knuckle to allow said cover plate to rotate about said hinge pin between said closed position and said open position.

8. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body includes a plurality of apertures extending therethrough.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:
a main body operatively connected to a hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;
an insulating member disposed between said main body and the hitch tube;
a cover plate hingedly connected to said main body and being movable between a closed position and an open position;

wherein said main body includes a plurality of apertures extending therethrough;
and

wherein said insulating member includes a plurality of pins extending outwardly
and through said apertures in said main body to connect said insulating member to said main
body.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in~~
~~claim 1~~ comprising:

a main body having an aperture adapted to fit over a hitch tube and adapted to
allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;

an insulating member adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and between said
main body and the hitch tube;

a rotatable cover plate connected to said main body and being movable between a
closed position and an open position for closing and opening said aperture; and

wherein said insulating member further comprises a front face having an opening
adapted to allow passage of the hitch into the open end of the hitch tube.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in
claim 1 wherein said cover plate includes a plurality of raised elements.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:

a main body having a front face and an opening adapted to fit over a trailer hitch
tube on a motor vehicle to allow passage of a trailer hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;

an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body; and

a movable cover plate connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position for closing and opening the open end of the hitch tube.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:
 a main body having a front face and an opening adapted to fit over a trailer hitch tube on a motor vehicle and to allow passage of a trailer hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;
 an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body;
 a movable cover hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position for closing and opening the open end of the hitch tube; and
 wherein said main body includes opposed side walls extending from said front face with at least one deflectable tab to retain said main body on the hitch tube.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in claim~~
~~13~~ comprising:
a main body having a front face and an opening adapted to fit over a hitch tube
and to allow passage of a hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;
an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main
body;
a movable cover hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a
first position and a second position for closing and opening the open end of the hitch tube;
wherein said main body includes opposed side walls extending from said front

face with at least one deflectable tab to retain said main body on the hitch tube; and

wherein each of said ~~sidewalls~~ side walls includes at least one aperture extending therethrough adapted to allow passage of a lock pin.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in claim 12~~ comprising:

a main body having a front face and an opening adapted to fit over a hitch tube and to allow passage of a hitch into an open end of the hitch tube;

a movable cover connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position for closing and opening the open end of the hitch tube; and

wherein said main body ~~further comprises~~ includes at least one first hinge knuckle.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 15 wherein said cover ~~further comprises~~ includes at least one second hinge knuckle.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 16 including a hinge pin extending through said at least one first hinge knuckle and said at least one second hinge knuckle to allow said cover to rotate about said hinge pin between said first position and said second position.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:
a main body for connection to a trailer hitch tube on a motor vehicle and having a front face with an opening adapted to allow passage of a trailer hitch into an open end of the hitch tube and opposed side walls extending from said front face;

a movable cover plate hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position for closing and opening the open end;

wherein said main body includes a plurality of apertures extending through said sidewalls.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:

a main body for connection to a hitch tube and having a front face with an opening adapted to allow passage of a hitch into an open end of the hitch tube and opposed side walls extending from said front face;

an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body;

a movable cover plate hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position and a second position;

wherein said main body includes a plurality of apertures extending through said sidewalls; and

wherein said insulating member includes a plurality of pins extending outwardly and through said apertures to connect said insulating member to said main body.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:

a trailer hitch tube for connection to vehicle structure of a motor vehicle and having a first opening adapted to receive a trailer hitch;

a main body having a front face and a second opening to fit over said hitch tube and to allow passage of the hitch into said first opening in said hitch tube;

an insulating member disposed within and operatively connected to said main body; and

a movable cover hingedly connected to said main body to be moved between a first position to close said first opening and a second position to open said first opening.